

OLNEY THREESQUARE

Scirpus Olneyi

Located in salt and brackish marshes throughout the Division. Usually found in more saline conditions than *S. americanus* (P. 17.02). Also known as Olney's Bulrush.

A perennial sedge; stems erect, stout, sharply 3-winged with all three sides deeply concave; 0.5 to 3 m high; arising from long rootstocks. Lower leaves (1 to 3) forming sheaths (sheath may be leafless, with V-notch near the top); lance-shaped, blunt-tipped, 8 to 15 cm long. The upper leaf above the spikelets resembles a continuation of the stem; it is short, stout, erect, lance-shaped, triangular, and blunt-tipped; 1 to 3.5 cm long. A dense cluster of 5 to 12 brown, oblong, blunt-tipped spikelets originate along the stem (nearer to the tip than in *S. americanus*) where the upper leaf and stem intersect; to 1 cm long; fruiting from June to September.

See general description of wildlife value on p. 17.00.



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